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THE NEW AND LIVING WAY OF JESUS.

Heb.10:20 "By the way which He dedicated for us, a new and living way, thru the veil, that is to say, His flesh."

Intro. The examination of Fairfield. The question, "Are we saved by the life of Christ or by His death?"
The answer: "By His life unto death".
Fairfield is right: it is not the DEATH of Jesus that saves us, but the death of JESUS. And that death was made possible by the life which Jesus lived. And that life is made manifest to us thru His teachings and example.
General Gordon was candidate for U.S.Senate, from the state of Georbia. A member of the Legislature was selected to cast a ballot against him. But as he marched to the polls to vote in the caucus against/the General Gordon was sitting on the platform watching the proceedings. the voter looked at the General, saw the scar on his face, once so handsome, then hesitated, broke down with emotion, and turning around said, "Boys, I cant do it! Here goes my vote for John B. Gordon. It was all up with me, boys, when I caught a glimpse of that scar."
Even so, when a man ge ts close enough to Jesus to see where the sharp thorns pierced his brow, the cruel nails tore his hands and the pointed spear rent his side, he turns from his sins in horror and cried for forgiveness. And that cry is never in vain. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Not our intention to dwell on the death of Jesus, this morning, only to let it remind us of the way in which Jesus lived, even as the scar on Gordon's face reminded the voter of the General's brave fighting on the battlefields.

I. The new and living way of Jesus <u>THRU THE VEIL</u>.

1Q. Jesus did'nt leave the synagogue and temple to start a new church or anew religion. He remained a devout Jew up to the very last.
Jesus did'nt come to destroy the law and but to fulfill the law.
Jesus did'nt attempt to overthrow the Roman Gov't, He was obedient uno it.

II. "Thru the veil, that is to say, His FLESH."

1.His flesh stands for himself, including his life and death: the sacrifice of himself on Calvary.

2. Jesus shows us the new and living way thru the veil
a. Jesus fulfilled the law by such a personal obedience to it tht many of the old Mosaic laws became obsolete.
b. Jesus put Himself into the Temple Worship to such a degree that the veil protecting the Holy of Holies was rent in two. Jesus put himself into the worship of the synagogue to such an extent as to show up the hollowness ~~and hypocricy~~ of the customary worship and the hypocricy of the church leaders.

Jesus did'nt stop going to the House of God because it no longer suited Him: He simply saw to it that His own life was kept filled with the presence of God.

Of the many who withdraw from the church to criticise it and dondemn it, there are none who will admit ~~the~~ his own shortcomings, or his own lack of faithfulness to God while in the church.

c. Nor when the leaders turned against Jesus did He withdraw from the church. He remained loyal to the very last. "Even tho he slay me, yet will I trust him."

Yet how easily slighted some of us become when we think we are neglected or when we hear a remark that does'nt suit us.

B. See how Jesus makes the worn-out and almost meaningless "Passover" vitally significant again by putting Himself into it. Jesus himself is the sacrificial lamb. And in connection with the Passover relative to the Feast of Unleavened bread, Jesus offers Himself as the Bread.

It occurred to me that if we would put ourselves into our worship and into our beliefs to the fullest possible extent, religion would not only mean more to us but our religious influence would count for more in the lives of others.

If we would pass from ~~for~~/ convenience and duty to real sacrifice and earnest love, ours, too, would become a new and living way.

III. How can we make ours a new and living way?

1. First, by feeling the need of it.
   a. The sense of need led to the enlarging of the lecture room.
      Our souls can be enlarged in the same way.
      "They that hunger and thirst shall be filled."

   b. Let us approach the Lord's Table with this sense of personal need.

2. Second, by using what means we have at our dispoal.
   Thru prayer and faith, Bible study and Xn activity.
   The Widow's cruse: the few loaves and fishes.